

Boat Registration**256-233-6430****Fax 256-233-6486**

Alabama registers all mechanically propelled vessels, sailboats, and boats for hire. All Limestone County boat owners may register, renew or transfer ownership at the Limestone County License Commission. If you are not a resident of Alabama, registration can be accomplished at the **Marine Police Division** office in Montgomery, Alabama. All dealers and livery (rental) must register with the Marine Police Division.

A duplicate decal or boat certificate may be issued for a lost or destroyed item. The fee is \$ 5.00.

A transfer fee of \$ 5.00 applies to vessels with a current year registration but needs to be transferred into a new owner's name. If the vessel has no current registration, then the transfer fee plus the correct class fee above will be collected. **Sales and use tax** applies to the purchase price of boats at the same **local rates as applies to vehicles**.

When you purchase a boat, the seller should provide the purchaser the last registration certificate of the boat and a bill of sale.

There is a 72 hour grace period for the registration of a new boat. There is no grace period for a used boat. If you buy a used boat with an expired registration, you must currently register the boat before it is used in Alabama waters.

If your vessel is brought into Limestone County from another state, then no transfer fee is applied. A new Alabama registration number will be issued. Please present your last state registration certificate when registering in this county.

The Alabama boat registration system is on a **staggered basis similar to vehicle registration**. The first letter of an individual's last name determines the month of renewal. State law does not allow for prorating of the class fees above on a monthly basis.

For boating information related to rules, regulations and enforcement, you may wish to contact the **Alabama Marine Police** at (334) 242-3673.

LICENSE COMMISSION**Greg Tucker**

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Hours of Operation: Monday to Friday 8:00 am - 4:30 pm

www.license.limestonecounty.net**Business License****256-233-6430****Fax 256-233-6486**

State law requires businesses, vocations and certain occupations to obtain a state and county privilege license for operations in Limestone County. Some licenses require state regulatory licenses and most fees are determined by the exact nature and type of business or occupation.

Before beginning operations in Limestone County, a business, profession or occupation should apply for a business privilege license with the License Commissioner's office at the Clinton Street Courthouse Annex. This includes operations located within the municipal limits of Athens, Huntsville, Decatur, Madison, Ardmore or Elkmont.

The state and county business privilege licenses must be renewed during the month of October each year. The license expires September 30, and should be renewed prior to November 1 each year to avoid penalties and interest. License fees vary depending upon the type of license that is required.

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Hunting and Fishing License	256-233-6430
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The cost and kinds of hunting and fishing license in Alabama changed significantly beginning September 1, 2007 due to the passage of The Wildlife Heritage Act of 2007.

To qualify for a resident hunting or fishing license, a person must be a bona fide resident of Alabama for a minimum of 90 days continuously immediately prior to purchasing any such license. Resident and nonresident annual hunting licenses are valid from September 1 through August 31. Successfully completing an approved hunter education course is mandatory for all hunting license buyers born on or after August 1, 1977. Licenses must be in possession while hunting or fishing.

In addition to our office, Alabama hunting and fishing licenses are available in all sections of the state from approximately 950 special agents in many sporting good stores, marinas and other courthouse offices. A person without an Alabama driver's license must present proof of residency to the local licensing office at the courthouse to purchase hunting or fishing license. Nonresident licenses may also be purchased by mail from the **Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries Division of the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources** (64 N Union St. Ste 567, Montgomery, AL 36130).

Licenses are also available by calling the toll free number: 1-888-848-6887 or online ([click here](#)).

Residents 65 years of age and over are exempt from buying hunting and fishing licenses, wildlife management area license or state duck stamp, provided that qualified resident has on his person while hunting or fishing a drivers license or proof of permanent Alabama residence and age.

Hunting license are required for residents 16 years of age and under 65 years of age and nonresidents 16 years of age and older.

- State hunting license \$24.00
- Nonresident All Game \$275.00
- Nonresident Small Game \$90.00

State and Federal duck stamps are required when hunting migratory waterfowl. All licensed hunters who hunt doves, woodcock, rails, snipe, coots, ducks or geese in Alabama are required by federal law to obtain a Harvest Information Program (HIP) permit prior to hunting. The permit is free and available at all license agents. (The permit should be affixed to your license similar to the duck stamp).

Fishing licenses are required for residents 16 years of age and under 65 years of age who fish with rod and reel or artificial bait in public waters.

- Freshwater Annual \$12.00
- Saltwater Annual \$21.00
- Nonresident Annual Freshwater \$46.00

A nonresident license is required for fishing in any Alabama public waters regardless of tackle used. Also, special license fees apply to residents of Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi and Tennessee due to reciprocal license costs.

For additional information regarding hunting or fishing laws or regulations, you may wish to contact the **District Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries Office** for Limestone County at 256-353-2634.

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Motor Vehicle Title 256-233-6420

Alabama is a title state. A title is a document which proves ownership of a vehicle. State law requires an Alabama resident who owns a motor vehicle to obtain a title for that vehicle if it is a 1975 or newer model. A new Alabama resident is required to title and register his vehicle within thirty (30) days of moving into the State.

You may apply for an Alabama title at the License Commission. Titles are printed in Montgomery and mailed to the vehicle owners or lien holders. There is a fee for applying for a title.

For more information, call the Limestone county License Commission.

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